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Attached is a Proposed Amendment for your review prior to our interview, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 14th.

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